

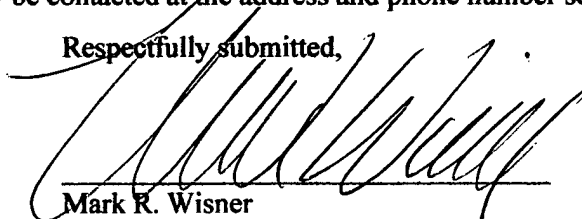
REMARKS

The above claim amendments are in addition to the amendments in Applicant's Response to Official Action of November 17, 2007 (incorrectly titled "Response to Official Action of November 17, 2008"). The amendments to claims 2 and 19 are responsive to matters discussed during the October 24, 2008 interview and the amendment to the second element of claim 19 provides antecedent basis for referring to the longitudinal axis in the last element of the claim.

Applicant appreciates the meeting with the Examiner to discuss the captioned application on October 24, 2008. The PTOL-413 prepared by the Examiner at that interview is accurate, but in accordance with §MPEP 713.04, Applicant asks that the following additional matters discussed at the interview be noted. First, in addition to claims 2 and 19, claim 30 (rejected over the Sertich and Pisharodi '926 patents in the Official Action of November 17, 2007) was discussed and the Examiner suggested submitting arguments as to how those references did not provide all the elements recited in that claim (in response to that suggestion, Applicant refers to the remarks at the top of page 11 of Applicant's Response to Official Action of November 17, 2008 (*sic*, 2007)). Second, the objections to the terms "resisting," "maintaining," and "biasing" set out in the Official Action of November 17, 2007 were discussed briefly at the interview and the Applicant's Attorney suggested that, rather than being features or advantages of the claimed invention, those terms helped define over the prior art because claim 19, on which claims 29-35 depend, is a method (not apparatus) claim. Although not suggested at the interview, Applicant also refers to the remarks set out at pages 6-7 of Applicant's Response to Official Action of November 17, 2008 (*sic*, 2007) for further thoughts on the use of these terms in claims 29-35.

Entry of the above amendments, consideration of the remarks set out herein, allowance of the claims, and passage of the application to issuance are all respectfully requested. In the event there are questions and/or issues yet to be answered in this application, it is respectfully requested that Applicant's Attorney be contacted at the address and phone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,



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